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6       NOV 16 1999       MS. MUNOZ: Hello. My name is Melissa  
7       Munoz. I'm here as a representative of CPEEN, the  
8       Colorado People's Environmental and Economic Network.

9               CPEEN is a statewide environmental justice  
10       organization with over 600 statewide allies and  
11       members. We work with grassroots communities of color  
12       and low income for areas of unfair and irresponsible  
13       environmental policy and decision making.

14               CPEEN's office is also located along the  
1 15       I-70 corridor. [As an environmental justice focused  
16       organization, CPEEN strongly urges the Department of  
17       Energy to work closely with the Western Shoshone tribe  
18       to address their environmental justice concerns.]

2 19               [The draft Environmental Impact Statement  
20       does not adequately detail proposed shipping routes or  
21       the training and equipment necessary for local  
22       emergency response personnel in communities along the  
23       routes.

24               CPEEN is concerned about the number of  
25       shipments that would travel along the I-70 corridor.

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1 The shipments would pass through communities that are  
2 already overburdened by exposure to numerous hazards  
3 and toxic materials. These northeast Denver  
4 communities are lower income communities of color  
5 exposed to higher than average environmental hazards.  
6 Shipments to Yucca Mountain would only increase their  
7 exposure.

8 CPEEN demands that the Department of  
9 Energy propose alternative transportation routes.  
10 Additionally, CPEEN expects to see detailed training  
11 and community education plans regarding the Yucca  
12 Mountain shipments.

13 Local emergency response personnel must be  
14 adequately trained on how to handle a situation should  
3 15 one arise. Under the impacts of incident free  
16 transportation and the impacts of transportation  
17 accidents, the draft Environmental Impact Statement  
18 states impacts from incident free transportation would  
19 include those from external radiation emitted from  
20 transportation casks, and that over 24 years an  
21 estimated 18 latent fatalities could occur from legal  
22 weight trucks.

23 From the number of latent cancer  
24 fatalities that would occur in the hypothetically  
25 exposed population residing within 80 kilometers or

3 cont'd. 1 50 feet (sic) of a transportation accident site again  
2 from legal weight trucks would result in about five  
3 latent cancer fatalities in the hypothetically exposed  
4 population, and 31 latent cancer fatalities in the  
5 hypothetically exposed population from the mostly rail  
6 scenario.

7 Yet the draft Environmental Impact  
8 Statement concludes that no environmental justice  
9 impacts were identified for incident free  
10 transportation and transportation accident scenarios.

11 CPEEN would like to offer that the  
12 hypothetically exposed population identified in the  
13 draft environmental impact statement is not  
14 hypothetical at all. In fact, the exposed population  
15 is very real. They exist along the I-70 corridor and  
16 along the Union Pacific Railroad and is comprised of  
17 low income communities of color whose health and  
18 quality of life is already compromised as a result of  
19 being disproportionately impacted by unfair  
20 environmental decision-making.

21 The hypothetically exposed population is  
22 us. It's the people in our neighborhoods and our  
23 schools and in our churches, 9,500 in the neighborhoods  
24 of northeast Denver along the proposed route who are  
25 located less than 50 feet from I-70 and the rail line.

3 cont'd. 1           The I-70 corridor that goes right through  
2       these neighborhoods is an elevated highway. It's our  
3       understanding that certain trucks are barred from  
4       traveling on elevated highways. This means that many  
5       choose to go right through the neighborhoods, traveling  
6       less than 50 feet from residences and from the play-  
7       grounds at this elementary school where 700 children  
8       attend school.

9           The Union Pacific rail line also cuts  
10      right through these neighborhoods, and in some  
11      neighborhoods is 50 feet from the homes. This is what  
12      environmental justice means.]

4 13           [CPEEN believes that there are significant  
14      environmental impacts that the Draft Environmental  
15      Impact Statement does not address. CPEEN strongly  
16      insists that the Department of Energy revisit and  
17      reanalyze the two-stage assessment of the impacts on  
18      low income populations and communities of color that  
19      result from the proposed action.]

20           Our communities deserve to know what  
21      potential health and safety risks will they will be  
22      exposed to. Thank you.

23           MR. BROWN: Thanks very much.

24           Chris Aaron?

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